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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 22 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2007 totaled 16.4 million pounds, down 22 percent from last year. August production was up 2 percent from July 2007 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2007 period totaled 109 million pounds, down 42 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in August, up 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in August 2006. Beef production, at 2.45 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down slightly from August 2006. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,279 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 20 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,400 head, down 2 percent from August 2006. The average live weight was down 54 pounds from last year, at 268 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.39 million head, up 3 percent from August 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 263 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.7 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 227,500 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago. January to August 2007 commercial red meat production was 31.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States^{1/}

State	August 2006	July 2007	August 2007	August 2007 As Percent of ^{2/}	
				August 2006	July 2007
California	138.9	133.2	144.8	104	109
Colorado	169.6	161.6	167.6	99	104
Idaho	21.1	16.2	16.4	78	102
Illinois	232.6	222.6	263.4	113	118
Iowa	547.4	489.8	552.5	101	113
Kansas	585.2	546.4	589.3	101	108
Minnesota	207.2	187.4	201.2	97	107
Montana	1.2	1.4	1.5	120	111
Nebraska	667.5	616.9	680.1	102	110
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	105	96
Oklahoma	89.7	78.1	82.6	92	106
Oregon	5.0	4.5	5.2	104	115
South Dakota	75.0	76.3	93.6	125	123
Texas	478.3	390.9	425.8	89	109
Utah	47.5	38.9	43.9	92	113
Washington	66.0	76.2	80.9	123	106
Wyoming	0.9	0.5	0.9	104	178
UNITED STATES	4,257.6	3,938.9	4,325.5	102	110

^{1/}Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. ^{2/}Percentages based on unrounded data.

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2006 Idaho Potato Crop Valued at \$761 Million

The final value of Idaho's 2006 potato crop was \$761 million, \$86.4 million above 2005's value of \$674 million. The market year average price received by growers of \$5.90 per cwt was above the 2005 level of \$5.70 per cwt. Idaho's growers sold 120 million cwt from their 2006 crop, up from the 109 million cwt sold from the 2005 crop. Growers used 1.19 million cwt on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 8.20 million cwt was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted for 31.2 million cwt of the 2006 crop, up 3 percent from the 2005 crop, while processing accounted for 78.5 million cwt, 14 percent more than the 2005 crop and the largest processing total since the 2000

crop. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 85.6 million cwt of 2006 crop potatoes compared to 77.4 million cwt used in 2005. Of the total processed, 78.5 million cwt were Idaho potatoes. Processing in Idaho and Malheur County accounted for 60.9 percent of Idaho's production compared to 58.5 percent of the 2005 crop. Idaho's 2006 potato production of 129 million cwt accounted for 32 percent of the entire U.S. Fall production of 399 million cwt. The Pacific Northwest; Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, collectively, totaled 237 million cwt or 59 percent of the U.S. Fall production.

Idaho Milk Production up 4.5 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2007 totaled 1.02 billion pounds, a 4.5 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 1 million pounds from July 2007. Revised production for July 2007 totaled 1.02 billion pounds, up 4 million pounds from the preliminary estimate, and 5.9 percent above July 2006. Average milk production per cow in August 2007 was 1,970 pounds, unchanged from July 2007, and up 10 pounds from August 2006. The average number of milk cows during August was 517,000 head, up 1,000 head from July 2007 and up 20,000 head from August 2006.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.3 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from August 2006. July revised production at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from July 2006.

The July revision represented an increase of 10.0 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,721 pounds for August, 45 pounds above August 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.33 million head, 72,000 head more than August 2006, and 11,000 head more than July 2007.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	173	181	1,655	1,760	286	319	11.5
California	1,770	1,817	1,860	1,900	3,292	3,452	4.9
Colorado	112	119	1,950	1,940	218	231	6.0
Florida	130	126	1,180	1,200	153	151	-1.3
IDAHO	497	517	1,960	1,970	974	1,018	4.5
Illinois	103	103	1,550	1,480	160	152	-5.0
Indiana	165	166	1,625	1,670	268	277	3.4
Iowa	207	215	1,620	1,650	335	355	6.0
Kansas	113	108	1,740	1,715	197	185	-6.1
Kentucky	96	89	990	1,090	95	97	2.1
Michigan	320	338	1,840	1,910	589	646	9.7
Minnesota	450	463	1,525	1,555	686	720	5.0
Missouri	115	109	1,185	1,170	136	128	-5.9
New Mexico	362	335	1,780	1,855	644	621	-3.6
New York	634	625	1,580	1,640	1,002	1,025	2.3
Ohio	274	276	1,440	1,490	395	411	4.1
Oregon	118	114	1,640	1,640	194	187	-3.6
Pennsylvania	554	551	1,580	1,620	875	893	2.1
Texas	337	348	1,655	1,670	558	581	4.1
Vermont	141	139	1,510	1,540	213	214	0.5
Virginia	102	100	1,350	1,420	138	142	2.9
Washington	238	240	1,980	2,000	471	480	1.9
Wisconsin	1,244	1,248	1,575	1,640	1,959	2,047	4.5
23 STATE TOTAL	8,255	8,327	1,676	1,721	13,838	14,332	3.6

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Cattle On Feed Down 13 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2007 totaled 205,000 head, 13 percent below the September 1, 2006 inventory. The inventory was unchanged from the number on hand August 1, 2007. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 48,000 head, down 7,000 head from August 2006 placements. Marketings during August totaled 47,000 head, up 3,000 from August 2006 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on September 1, 2007. The inventory was 6

percent below September 1, 2006 but 3 percent above September 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.12 million, 7 percent below 2006 but 6 percent above 2005. Net placements were 2.07 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490,000, 600-699 pounds were 44,000, 700-799 pounds were 549,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.07 million, virtually unchanged from 2006 but 2 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 50,000 during August, 15 percent below 2006 and 6 percent below 2005.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	Sept. 1, 2006	August 1, 2007	September 1, 2007			
			Number	As % of 2006	As % of August	
State on Feed, Number on Feed, 1,000's Capacity, Pounds	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---			
	Arizona	336	341	348	104	102
	California	520	540	530	102	98
	Colorado	960	870	850	89	98
	Idaho	235	205	205	87	100
	Iowa	455	500	490	108	98
	Kansas	2,390	2,100	2,140	90	102
	Nebraska	2,050	1,910	1,930	94	101
	New Mexico	142	129	131	92	102
	Oklahoma	345	305	310	90	102
	South Dakota	155	175	175	113	100
	Texas	2,960	2,780	2,740	93	99
	Washington	158	144	148	94	103
	Other States	280	300	305	109	102
	United States	10,986	10,299	10,302	94	100

1/Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 2007 totaled 800 million pounds, up 2 percent from July 31, 2007, and up 5 percent from August 31, 2006. Other frozen potatoes, at 200 million pounds, decreased 1 percent from the previous month's stocks, but increased 1 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on August 31, 2007 totaled 261 million pounds, down 4 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 21 percent from August 31, 2006. Of this 261 million pounds, the government owned 36,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 563 million pounds, up 1 percent from July 31, 2007, but 3 percent below August 31, 2006. The government owned 1.01 million pounds of the American cheese stocks.

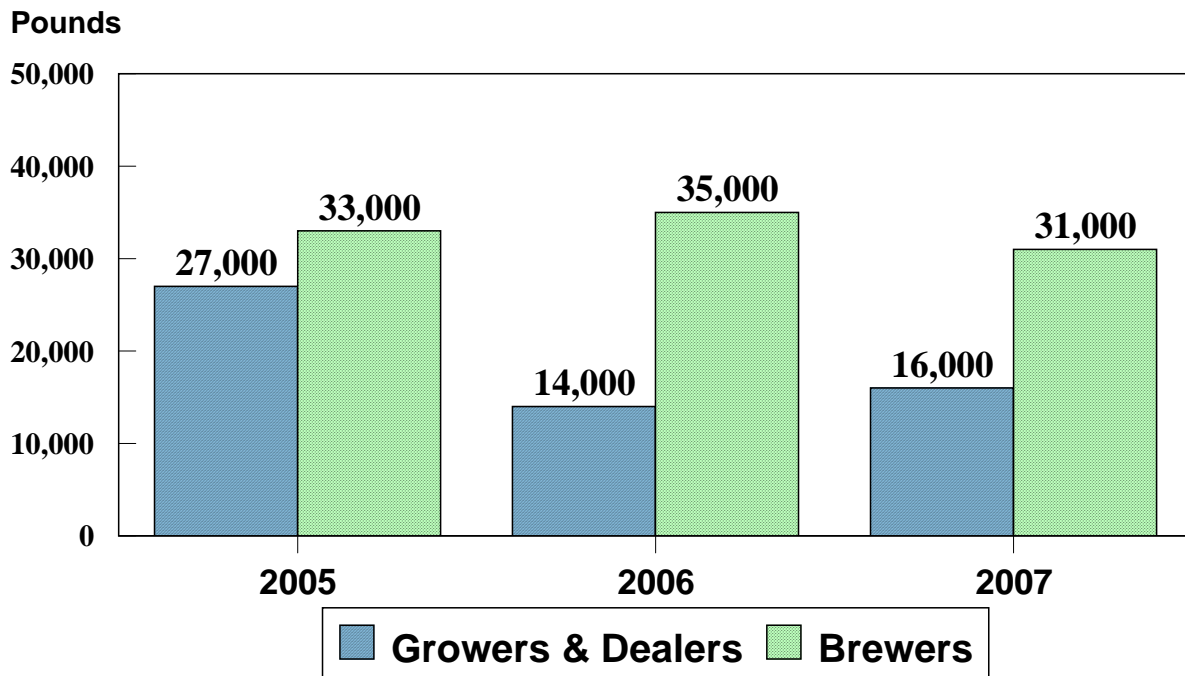
Commodity	Aug 31, 2006	Jul 31, 2007	Aug 31, 2007	2007
				2006
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	765,090	787,713	800,339	105
Other Frozen	199,049	202,611	200,225	101
TOTAL	964,139	990,324	1,000,564	104
DAIRY:				
Butter	215,198	271,508	260,689	121
(Gov't Owned)	94	14	36	38
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	580,601	559,187	562,538	97
(Gov't Owned)	272	551	1,007	370

September 1 Hop Stocks Down 4 Percent

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2007 totaled 47.0 million pounds, down 4 percent from September 1, 2006 and 22 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest September 1 inventory since 1981 when stocks were 34.4 million pounds.

Stocks held by brewers, at 31.0 million pounds, were down 11 percent from a year ago and 6 percent below September 1, 2005. Stocks held by growers and dealers on September 1, 2007 were 16.0 million pounds, up 14 percent from last year, but down 41 percent from September 1, 2005.

UNITED STATES HOP INVENTORY (September 1, 2005-2007) 1/



1/ Includes equivalent pounds of dry hop held in form of extract or pellets.

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